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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. ADVISED HE WAS CONTACTED SEPTEMBER 29, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY NINE PM CDST AT HIS RESIDENCE BY PHONE BY RONALD KESSLER WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A REPORTER FROM THE WASHINGTON POST, OFFICE PHONE 202-223-6000, EXT. 7290, HOME PHONE [redacted] EX-113 REC-59 62-109060-7575

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KESSLER CLAIMED HE IS WORKING ON A STORY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST CONCERNING MEXICO CITY ASPECT OF ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. HE ASKED SA HOSTY QUESTIONS CONCERNING ~~THE ORDER~~ TO DESTROY THE ROUGH DRAFT OF OSWALD'S LETTER TO SOVIET EMBASSY, IN WASHINGTON D.C. SA HOSTY ADVISED KESSLER THIS WAS A MATTER

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Declassified DATE 8/2/77

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OF PUBLIC RECORD FROM TESTIMONY GIVEN BEFORE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUB COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER OF 1975 AND THAT HE STOOD BY HIS SWORN TESTIMONY IN THIS REGARD. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THIS REFERS TO COMMISSION EXHIBIT 103. HOSTY WAS THEN ASKED IF ORIGINAL LETTER WHICH IS COMMISSION EXHIBIT 15 WAS INTERCEPTED BY BUREAU PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION. SA HOSTY ADVISED HIM HE COULD COMMENT NO FURTHER THAN HIS TESTIMONY WHICH IS PUBLIC RECORD. KESSLER STATED HE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF CIA DOCUMENTS ON THIS MATTER AND IMPLIED THAT CIA WAS COOPERATING WITH WASHINGTON POST IN THIS MATTER.

HE ASKED SA HOSTY FOR HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING THE MEMORANDUM WRITTEN BY SAC SHANKLIN TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELMONT CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF HOSTY LISTENING TO TAPES OF OSWALD TALKING TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY. SA HOSTY STATED HE WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT REGARDING THIS OTHER THAN PUBLIC TESTIMONY UNTIL CONSULTING WITH HIS SUPERIORS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

KESSLER STATED HE PLANNED TO GO TO MEXICO CITY NEXT WEEK ON THIS MATTER AND INDICATED HE WOULD RECONTACT SA HOSTY PRIOR TO THAT TIME.

SA HOSTY INTENDS TO ADVISE WASHINGTON D.C. ATTORNEY JOHN M. BRAY APPOINTED BY DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENT HOSTY REGARDING THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

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